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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The reply filed on 6/25/04 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The 6/25/04 amendment presents new claims 36-65, but fails to provide a proper and correct listing of all claims readable on each of the elected species (see the paragraph bridging pages 3 and 4 of the 5/30/03 Office action)

Applicant on page 19 of the 6/25/04 states that new claims 36-65 are either written in dependent form or include all the limitations of the generic claim 33.

Such however, fails to state which ones of the newly added claims 36-65 are readable on each of the elected species.

The species elected by applicant in the 7/3/03 response are specie I (semi-flexible tubing as in Fig. 3), and a first end of the semi-flexible tubing being connected to a PP end fitting absent any transfer manifold and, the second end of the semi-flexible tubing being connected to a three port manifold wherein the other two ports have a standard LE end fitting and a standard HE end fitting respectively.

The newly added claims 36 to 65 clearly do not all read on each of the elected species.

For example, newly added claim 36 does not read on each of the elected species because claim 36 recites the second end of the flexible tubing as being connected to a loaded end fitting instead of to a three port manifold.

As a further example, newly added claims 38 and 43 recite details of the first loaded end fitting which are specific to the LE end fitting (as indicated by pages 18 and 19 of the specification) whereas, the elected specie of the first loaded end fitting is not

an LE end fitting but rather, a PP (percussion primer) end fitting. See 37 CFR 1.111.
Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1)**
MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer,
within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.
EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Harvey Behrend whose telephone number is (703) 305-1831. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday to Friday.

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